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TO REVOKE HIS PERMIT**The Agricultural Board After Brigham.****Cacao Pods Allowed to Come From Samoa.****Board of Agriculture Will Help Along Experiment—Blue-fields in Demand.**

The Board of Agriculture at yesterday's meeting decided to ask the Secretary of Agriculture to revoke the permit granted to Curator W. T. Brigham of the Bishop Museum for the importation of museum specimens. The application will be made directly to James P. Wilson, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

There is a law prohibiting the importation of obnoxious animals and birds, although museum specimens are exempted. At the meeting yesterday, A. W. Carter who with L. A. Thurston had been appointed on a special committee to investigate Brigham's importation of the kea, or sheep-killing bird, made a report. He quoted the law and its application to the present case as follows:

"Act of Congress dated May 25th, 1900, Section 2 provides 'That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to import into the United States any foreign wild animal or bird except under special permit from the United States Department of Agriculture. Provided, that nothing in this section shall restrict the importation of natural history specimens for museum or scientific collections, or the importation of certain cage birds, such as domesticated canaries, parrots, or such other species as the Secretary of Agriculture may designate.'"

"The importation of the mongoose, the so-called 'Flying Foxes,' or fruit bats, the English sparrow, the starling or such other birds or animals as the Secretary of Agriculture may from time to time declare injurious to the interest of agriculture or horticulture is hereby prohibited, and such species upon arrival at any of the ports of the United States shall be destroyed or returned at the expense of the owner. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to make regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this section."

"It does not appear to be clear that the importation of natural history specimens for museums or scientific collections requires a permit. I am of the opinion that these are excepted under the act and do not require a permit. Having been informed however that the Director of the Bishop Museum has a general permit to introduce specimens from the Secretary of Agriculture I would recommend that the Board request the cancellation of such permit."

Upon motion the report was adopted and then Mr. Carter moved that the Board of Agriculture request that Professor Brigham's permit be revoked. This motion carried and Mr. Holloway then moved that the board request the appointment of an inspector by the federal authorities, who should be under the authority of the board. This motion was also carried.

HOSMER MAKES REPORT.

Forester Hosmer made a report of his investigation of the Waianae range and the Ewa basin, giving also the details of the work at the government nursery and the Nuuanu forest. A number of plants had been received during the week from Mr. Wilcox of Kauai.

Mr. Hosmer stated that he had met representatives of the Bishop Estate and W. F. Dillingham in reference to the lands in the districts and said he hoped to bring a definite proposition before the board for the preservation of the Waianae forests.

J. E. Higgins, on behalf of the Farmers' Institute, thanked the Board of Agriculture for the use of the rooms for the meeting of the society.

THE CACAO EXPERIMENT.

A letter was received from Jared G. Smith stating that the United States experiment station had leased five acres of land near Hilo for the purposes of a banana and cacao experiment. He desired the permission of the board to import cacao seeds from Samoa for experimental purposes. Samoa was stated to be the nearest place from which the seeds could be imported, and cacao trees in Ceylon, Trinidad and other places were affected with disease. Mr. Giffard told of the results he had

obtained from cacao seed, obtained from Samoa through Theodore Wores and planted eighteen months ago on Tantalus. The tree was covered with fungus which had sapped out its life, and it was very much stunted. He said that a mistake had been made by Mr. Smith, as there was really no regulation on the part of the board prohibiting the importation of seed from Samoa, Java being the place mentioned in the order.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter a permit was granted Mr. Smith to import the cacao seeds, provided that the proper precautionary measures were taken.

WILL SELL BLUEFIELDS.

Mr. Hosmer stated that he received quite a number of requests for Bluefields suckers growing at the experiment station. Mr. Giffard said that the plants had been left to Mr. Smith until sufficient cuttings had been obtained for experimental purposes. Mr. Hosmer said that he had had a conversation with Mr. Thurston, in which the latter had expressed the opinion that within a year or so, when there were sufficient cuttings, they should be sold. Mr. Carter thought that if they were given away, they might not be so well cared for as if they were sold.

Those present at the meeting yesterday were W. M. Giffard, who presided, A. W. Carter, Executive Officer Holloway and Forester Hosmer.

LANAI DANCE AT MATERNITY HOME

On Saturday evening a dance will be given on the Maternity Home lanai as a benefit for a most worthy institution. The tickets are 50 cents and can be had of members of the board and at the gate on the evening of the dance. The dancing will commence at 7 o'clock and last until about midnight, music being furnished by a Hawaiian quintette club. The dance is given as a means of raising much-needed cash to carry on the institution in lieu of the subsidy not now being paid by the government.

FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE CAPITOL

Seven "Underwriters" fire extinguishers have been distributed, where they will be handy on occasion of need within the Capitol. It is the first time that any appliances other than hose pipe taps—without any hose in sight—have been existent in the building for protecting it against fire. That the danger to be guarded against is not imaginary had proof some months ago in a fire that started among some painters' supplies in a closet under the main stairway.

KALUA STILL WITH THE REPUBLICANS

"Judge Kalua has not deserted the Republican party, and he has therefore not joined the Home Rule party," said Judge Kaulukou yesterday.

Judge Kaulukou says that the statement that Kalua has gone over to the enemy because of his removal from the bench, is not true. Judge Kaulukou says that Judge Kalua told him positively that in spite of his removal he would stick to the Republican party, and work for its success on Maui, as in the past.

SUES MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.

Suit for a temporary injunction against the Mutual Telephone Company has been filed in the Circuit Court by Henry E. Cooper to prevent the company from destroying trees surrounding his residence at Punahou during the stringing of telephone wires.

The oil-cargo ship Marion Chilcott departed for the coast yesterday after a long stay in port, due to having had to keep her last cargo in the ship's tanks until room could be made for it in the Iwilei storage tanks.

STARLING IS KEPT OUT**Perkins Points Out a Possible Danger to Hawaii.**

The little British starling will not be brought into the islands to combat the Japanese beetle and earth worms. Professor R. L. C. Perkins, assistant superintendent of entomology, presented a report on the matter to the Board of Agriculture yesterday in which he suggested possible dangers, and pointed out that the introduction of the starling was prohibited by federal statute.

It was decided therefore that nothing further be done in regard to the introduction of the starling. Mr. Perkins' recommendations on the subject were as follows:

Honolulu, April 22, 1904.
Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry, Honolulu, T. H.

Gentlemen: With regard to the letter of Mr. Munro referred to me, to report on, concerning the introduction of the "British starling," I may say that the introduction of this bird into the United States is absolutely prohibited. The bird in question is somewhat allied to the "minah," but in my opinion, in this country, if it should thrive, would be vastly superior to the latter. The reason why the starling is prohibited is clearly because it is partly frugivorous, being particularly fond of cherries and some varieties of pear (not alligator pears); but the majority of fruits it leaves alone. As it has the habit of digging into the soil after cutworms, etc., Mr. Munro is perfectly correct in saying it would be most beneficial against these and against Japanese beetle, the larvae of the latter being subterranean. I cannot remember, although I have dissected scores of these birds, ever feeling beneficial insects in the stomach of the starling, but with this or any other bird, the full investigation on this point would have to be made before importation is effected, if it could be legalized.

The minah for instance, in certain localities, destroys thousands of the most beneficial insects we have, and if the starling or any other imported bird should do likewise, the damage done this way might far outweigh any advantage. All these points should be carefully considered and investigated here before any liberation of such birds is made.

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Judge Kahaulelio was selected as chairman of the committee, with A. H. Hayselden, George Dunn, D. K. Kahaulelio and William White as the remaining members.

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